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PRESS RELEASE

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:



Captain Keyes
instructing in Albania

Placer County Sheriff's Captain David Keyes recently traveled to Albania to share his law enforcement leadership skills and experience with leaders of the former Communist nation.

Keyes is an instructor with Pointman Leadership Institute, an international non-profit organization made up of law enforcement and business executives and educators. Pointman provides principle- and character-based training primarily for law enforcement, military and government leaders throughout the world. While the organization has been in more than 30 countries, this was Keyes first overseas trip. Pointman was founded by retired Los Angeles Assistant Chief of Police Robert L. Vernon.

Keyes traveled with two other Pointman team members from the United Kingdom, both police administrators from the London area. The team instructed in the cities of Durres and Tirana.

They taught about 140 law enforcement leaders from throughout the National Police Force and were welcomed by the General Director of the entire Albanian Police Force as well as local chiefs.

Albania, a country of 3.4 million people, has been developing as a democracy since 1992, following 50 years of Communist rule.

"We were impressed with how committed the Albanian Police leaders were to the concepts of ethical leadership," Keyes said. "They are dealing with a tremendous amount of corruption throughout their culture in a time of massive political, economic and cultural change, trying to make their country better for all of their citizens. In times like these, issues of character are ever more critical in leadership as a country sets a new direction."

Keyes said his group was well received and was invited to return for additional seminars.

"The sense of the law enforcement family was evident as we shared and exchanged ideas with the Albanians," he said.

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